

Understanding Our Past: Exploring the Hidden History of Meldreth
Archaeological Test Pit Project, 2013

Results from Test Pit 7, Flambards Green

Pottery

The pottery found in this test pit is summarised in the table below. The exceptionally large quantity of medieval pottery shows that people were living here at that time. The earliest material suggests that occupation began around the time of the Norman Conquest, and perhaps even a little earlier. It seems to have been in decline by the 15th century, and was then more or less permanently abandoned. A similar pattern also emerged from the pottery found in [Test Pit 8](#) and [Test Pit 19](#), which were also dug on Flambards green.

Context	SN		SHC		EMW		HED		HG		MG		LMT		VIC		Date Range
	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	
1					1	9g			4	18g							1100-1200
2					2	6g	2	6g	26	199g	1	1g	2	22g	1	1g	1100-1900
3					3	8g	2	25g	17	94g							1100-1400
4					1	16g	2	2g	19	94g							1100-1400
5			4	16g					6	44g							1100-1200
6	2	7g							7	21g							900-1200
7			2	17g					20	110g							1100-1200
8	2	12g															900-1100

For an explanation of the abbreviations shown above, together with more information on the types of pottery found, please see our [glossary](#) or the full [pottery report](#).

Bone

An analysis of the bones found in this pit is provided in the table below. The complete [bone report](#) is also available.

Taxon	Context							
	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]
Cow	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sheep/ goat	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Pig	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	.
Horse	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Rabbit	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Chicken	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.
?Wader	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Sub-total to species	2	2	1	3	2	1	3	.
Cattle-sized	.	4	3	.	.	2	2	.
Sheep-sized	1	2	3	2	4	2	8	3
Bird n.f.i.	.	.	.	1	.	2	1	.
Total	3	8	7	6	6	7	14	3

The abbreviation n.f.i. denotes that the specimen could not be further identified.

Flint

No worked flints were found in this test pit. For additional information on the flints found in the other pits, please see the general [flint report](#).

Other Finds

Test pit 7	Ceramic (excluding pottery)	Glass	Metal & metal- working	Stone	Other	Date range
C. 1	sewer pipe =106g, brick,mortar, tile, concrete x16 =372g	modern clear glass bottle =6g	metal mincer part =31g			
C. 2	clay =8g		Mirror case; metal nails x3 =20g		oyster shell x20 =75g, rubble =1050g	
C. 3				coal =0.5g	shell x3 =9g	
C. 4			metal nail =9g	charcoal x4 =1g	shell x3 =2g, daub x6 =16g, mortar x2 =16g	
C. 5				coal x6 =<1g	amber bead =?, daub x25 =79g	
C. 6				coal x3 =0.5g, stone and clinker x29 =85g	daub x4 =18g	
C. 7				charcoal x9 =<1g, stone x3 =172g, clinker x2 =7g	daub x10 =30g, mussel shell =<1g	
C. 8					mussel shell =2g, cement x3 =11g	

More information on the mirror case is available in an appendix to the final report.

Further [finds reports and maps](#) are available elsewhere on the site.